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TITLE: MULTICHANNEL OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND
METHOD UTILIZING WAVELENGTH AND COHERENCE DIVISION
MULTIPLEXING

Current Date: January 4, 2012

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PAYMENT DEFICIENCY
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.28 (c)

Commissioner for Patents
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Owner of above-listed U.S. Patent No. 7,061,657 respectfully requests that a payment for deficiency owed regarding the 3.5-year maintenance fee be accepted by the Office. The patent maintenance fee previously paid for this matter on September 14, 2009 was paid in good faith based on a small entity status. However, due to an oversight the 3.5-year patent maintenance fee should have been paid based upon large entity status.

The total deficiency currently owed is \$640.00. The itemization of the deficiency payment is as follows:

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Current Maint. Fee Due at 3.5 years for Large Entity:	\$1130.00
Maint. Fee Previously Paid as Small Entity:	<u>\$490.00</u>
TOTAL DEFICIENCY OWED:	\$640.00

Owner of the above-listed patent respectfully requests the Office to accept this request to increase the 3.5 year maintenance fee to large entity based upon compliance herein with 37CFR 1.28 (c). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$640.00, the deficiency owed, and any additional fee that may be due or credit any overpayment to Representative's Deposit Account No. 50-4623.

Respectfully submitted,
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